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St. Joseph, Michigan

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Form No. 1
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DETROIT

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 12/27/51	FOR WHICH MADE 10/8-10;11/14;12/ 10,11,13/51	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM S. HANSEN SHC
TITLE <i>Munsey</i> ROBERT FIELD MUNSEY	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBERT FIELD MUNSEY, born 3/12/12 Wilmette, Illinois, graduated from High School, St. Joseph, Mich., in 1930, and married during 1949, place unknown. Reported to have been reporter for "Michigan Herald" during 1946. Registered member of Michigan CP during 1947 and subsequently active. Is active in union affairs at place of employment. Employed at Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan, and does not have access to restricted data. Subject resides at 603 Pine Street, St. Joseph, Mich. No credit or criminal record.

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DETAILS: This report is predicated upon information received from Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability, who indicated that ROBERT MUNSEY was a registered member of the Communist Party for the year 1947.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

During October, 1951 Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, stated that ROBERT MUNSEY presently resides at 603 Pine Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Records of the Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan, made available by BETTY GRIGERETT, Personnel Department, reflect that ROBERT MUNSEY, Social Security number 365-22-8239, clock number 2290, is presently employed as an assembler having been hired on February 28, 1949.

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BURSON SINK, security officer, Whirlpool Corporation, advised that Subject does not have access to restricted data.

BACKGROUND

Records of the Whirlpool Corporation reflect that Subject was born March 12, 1912 at Wilmette, Illinois, graduated from the St. Joseph, Michigan High School during 1930, was married December 30, 1949 at St. Joseph, Michigan, and was classified 4F during World War 2.

Subject's record also reflects the following former employments and places of residence: 1929-1932 intermittently employed by the Uptown Machine Company, St. Joseph, Michigan (now known as Whirlpool Corporation); 1933-1934 employed as messenger, Stromberg Allen Company, Chicago, Illinois; 1937-1942 self-employed as salesman for the Watkins Company, St. Joseph, Michigan.

901 Walcott Street, St. Joseph; 823 Lewis Avenue, St. Joseph; 806 Main, St. Joseph; and 3082 State Street, St. Joseph.

It is noted that there is no record of Subject's marriage on file at the Berrien County Clerk's Office, St. Joseph, Michigan.

According to Informant Detroit T-2 Subject was married either in Chicago or somewhere in Wisconsin.

NATIONALISTIC SYMPATHIES, TENDENCIES AND ACTIVITIES

During December, 1950 Informant Detroit T-3, of unknown reliability and admitted member of the Communist Political Association in the Benton Harbor area [REDACTED], stated that during 1946 he saw ROBERT MOUNSEY in attendance at Communist meetings held in the home of LEO WEST.

According to Informant Detroit T-4, of known reliability, LEO WEST was a registered member of the Communist Party during 1946 and 1947.

Informant Detroit T-5, of known reliability, stated that LEO WEST was formerly in charge of the Benton Harbor Communist Club.

According to Informant Detroit T-1 ROBERT MOUNSEY was a registered member of the Communist Party during 1947 having been issued card number 69503.

During 1947 Informant Detroit T-6, of known reliability, stated that he believed ROBERT MUNSEY had acted as the local reporter in the St. Joseph, Benton Harbor area for the "Michigan Herald."

According to Informant Detroit T-7, of known reliability, the "Michigan Herald" is now known as the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" which is the Michigan edition of "The Worker," an east coast Communist publication.

During October, 1951 Informant Detroit T-2 stated that he met the Subject [REDACTED] and subsequently attended meetings of the Communist Party at Subject's home when he resided at 308½ State Street, St. Joseph, Michigan. Informant further stated that prior to attending the above-mentioned meetings he knew MUNSEY was active in the Communist Party after becoming acquainted with his associates and conversations with LEO WEST. Informant said he did not believe Subject had ever held an office in the Communist Party; however, he was evidently highly regarded and trusted because he was usually one of the local members who was contacted by the District Communist Party organizer.

During July, 1950 Informant Detroit T-8, of known reliability, stated that Subject attended a meeting of the section committee of the Western Michigan Section Communist Party which was held in the home of a Communist Party member at Cobert, Michigan on July 2, 1950. According to Informant this meeting as well as all meetings of the section committee was a closed meeting attended by one of the representatives from each of the Communist Party clubs in the area.

Informant Detroit T-8 stated during September, 1950 that ROBERT MUNSEY would probably not attend any future meetings of the Party inasmuch as he had signed a non-Communist affidavit at his place of employment. According to Informant Subject was planning to continue his monthly donations to the Communist Party club covering his area of residence.

JOHN SOOS, former financial secretary of Local 931 UE and presently employed in the Employee Relations Department, Whirlpool Corporation, advised that he has known Subject for the past five years and that they both served on the Executive Board of Local 931 UE during 1949 and 1950. SOOS said he first became aware of Subject's Communist Party sympathies when he was a close associate of LEO WEST. According to SOOS MUNSEY sided with WEST on political views and on more than one occasion would second the motion presented by WEST during meetings of the union local.

SOOS also said he had heard that Subject had been attending Communist Party meetings in the Benton Harbor area ever since 1948. In view of the fact that SOOS is no longer a member of the UE he said he was not aware of any Communist Party activities on the part of the Subject.

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SOOS claimed that MOUNSEY was very reluctant to sign a non-Communist affidavit which was required of all Whirlpool employees during 1950.

[REDACTED] Whirlpool Corporation, described MOUNSEY as a very aggressive individual and one who has been very active in union affairs. [REDACTED] said he has personally heard the Subject openly advocate Communism to his fellow employees and has heard of the same through other employees. [REDACTED] described MOUNSEY as being the type of individual whom he would not trust.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, Benton Harbor, contain nothing of a pertinent nature relative to Subject.

Files of the St. Joseph, Michigan Police Department and Berrien County Sheriff's Office, St. Joseph, Michigan contain no record of Subject.

DESCRIPTION

The following description was obtained from Subject's employment record at the Whirlpool Corporation:

Birth Data	March 12, 1912, Wilmette, Illinois
Race	White
Height	5' 6"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	slallow
Peculiarities	Has very poor eye sight
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife—EDITH DOROTHY ROBERTA Mother—CHARLOTTE L. MOUNSEY Father—ALBERT BRAGG MOUNSEY
Occupation	Assembly line worker
Social Security number	365-22-8239
Employment	Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan
Former Employments	Uptown Machine Company, St. Joseph, Michigan; Watkins Company, St. Joseph; and Stromberg Allen Company, Chicago.

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Residence

603 Pine Street, St. Joseph,
Michigan

Former Residences

901 Walcott Street, 822 Lewis
Avenue, 806 Main Street,
708½ State Street, all St. Joseph.,
Michigan

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Subject is employed at the Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan which has been designated as a PROCLIP plant with the United States Army being the interested agency. Copies of this report have been distributed locally to the United States Army.

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THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will upon authority from the Bureau take necessary administrative action.

INFORMANTS

T-1 is a highly confidential source.

T-2 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN on October 8, 1951.

T-3 is [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN C. DOIG in a signed statement dated December 14, 1950.

T-4 is a highly confidential source.

T-5 is [redacted]

T-6 is a highly confidential source.

T-7 is [redacted]

T-8 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN C. DOIG during July, 1950 and on September 28, 1950.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DETROIT

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 6/14/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/19, 26, 28, 29/54	REPORT MADE BY: JAMES H. KILROY MOS
TITLE: ROBERT FIELD MUNSEY		CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C	

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born 3/12/12 at Wilmette, Ill. Presently resides at Box 136-1, Route #2, Eau Claire, Mich., and is employed at the Whirlpool Corp., St. Joseph, Mich. Subject was member CP 1947 with card number 69503. Subject reported to have attended CP meetings 1946 and to have been reporter for "Mich. Herald," 1947. Informant advised during 9/50 that Subject no longer attended meetings having signed non-Communist affidavit at place of employment, but that he still donates to CP. Subject was delegate to National Convention of PP, 1952. Subject elected to serve on Executive Board, U.E. Local 931 in 1952. Subject arrested 2/52 for distributing "peace petitions" in violation of city ordinance.

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

All informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

Records of Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan, made available by BETTY GRIGERIT, Personnel Department, during October, 1951, reflects Subject was born March 12, 1912 at Wilmette, Illinois.

B. Education

Records of the Whirlpool Corporation reflect Subject graduated from St. Joseph, Michigan, High School in 1930.

C. Marital Status

Records of the Whirlpool Corporation reflect Subject married EDITH DOROTHY ROBERTA MUNSEY on December 30, 1949 at St. Joseph, Michigan.

The records of Berrien County Clerk's Office, St. Joseph, Michigan, was examined during October, 1951 and failed to reflect any record of the Subject's marriage.

T-1 advised on October 8, 1951 that he believed the Subject was married either in Chicago or somewhere in Wisconsin.

D. Identification Record

1. FBI Identification Record

Subject has FBI Number 956362A and his fingerprints were submitted April 27, 1943 by the United States Army.

2. Criminal Record

The records of the St. Joseph, Michigan, Police Department and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office at St. Joseph, Michigan, as of April, 1954, contained no record of the Subject.

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The records of the South Haven, Michigan, Police Department reflect that Subject was arrested February 10, 1952 for violation of City Ordinance prohibiting passing out of handbills. Subject's conviction subsequently reversed by Circuit Court of Van Buren County.

E. Employment

The records of Whirlpool Corporation of St. Joseph, Michigan, examined April 24, 1954 reflected Subject is currently employed by that company and has been so employed since February 28, 1943.

Previous Employments

1937 to 1942, self-employed salesman,
Watkins Company, St. Joseph, Michigan;
1933 to 1934, messenger,
Stromberg Allen Company, Chicago, Illinois;
1929 to 1932, Whirlpool Company,
St. Joseph, Michigan.

F. Residence

T-2 advised Subject presently resides at Box 136-1, Route #2, Eau Claire, Michigan.

Previous Residences

603 Pine Street;
901 Walcott Street;
823 Lewis Street;
806, Main Street;
308½ State Street.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED GROUPS

The Communist Party, hereinafter referred to as the CP, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A. Communist Party

1. Information Concerning Membership in CP

T-3 advised that Subject was a registered member of the CP for 1947 having card number 69503 and which indicated his length of time in the Party was two years.

2. History of Activities in, Attendance at Meetings of and Positions Held in CP

T-4, of unknown reliability, an admitted member of the Communist Political Association (CPA) in Benton Harbor, Michigan, [redacted] stated that during 1946 he had seen the Subject in attendance at CP meetings held in the home of LEO WEST.

The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 advised LEO WEST was a registered member of the CP during 1946 and 1947.

T-6 advised WEST was formerly in charge of the Benton Harbor CP Club.

T-1 stated that [redacted] he had met the Subject and had subsequently attended meetings of the CP held at Subject's home at 308½ State Street, St. Joseph, Michigan. The Informant further stated that prior to attending the above meetings he knew Subject was active in the CP after becoming acquainted with his associates and conversations with LEO WEST. Informant said he did not believe Subject had ever held an office in the CP; however, he was evidently highly regarded and trusted because he was usually one of the local members who was contacted by district CP organizers.

T-7 advised that he believed the Subject had served in the position of local reporter for the "Michigan Herald" in the St. Joseph - Benton Harbor area.

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BERENIECE BALDWIN, an admitted CP member from 1943 to 1951 and who has testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, advised that the "Michigan Herald" was a Communist controlled weekly publication in Detroit and that on approximately February 15, 1948 it merged with "The Worker" an East Coast Communist publication and then became known as the "Michigan Edition - The Worker."

T-8 advised on July 17, 1950 that the Subject attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Western Michigan Section of the CP at Cobert, Michigan, on July 2, 1950. According to Informant, this meeting as well as all other meetings of the Section Committee were closed meetings attended by one representative from each of the CP clubs in the area. T-8 advised during September, 1950, he had obtained information to the effect that Subject probably would not attend any further meetings inasmuch as he had signed a non-Communist affidavit at his place of employment. According to Informant the Subject was then planning to continue his monthly donations to the CP club covering his area of residence.

^{A FELLOW EMPLOYEE}
T-9, of unknown reliability, advised that he has heard the Subject openly advocate Communism to his fellow employees and has heard the same from other employees.

B. Progressive Party of Michigan (PP of Michigan)

1. History of Activity in, Attendance at Meetings of and Positions Held in Progressive Party of Michigan

HAROLD MIKKELSEN, who was a member of the CP at Detroit from 1947 to 1953 and who testified on behalf of the Government in the Detroit Smith Act trials, advised the Michigan Progressive Party was completely controlled by the District 7 of the CP.

T-8 advised on July 15, 1952 that the Subject was one of the Southwestern Michigan delegation to the National Convention of the PP held at Chicago, Illinois on July 4, 1952.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

T-4 advised the Subject had been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the United Electrical Workers Local 931 for 1952 in the position of Trustee for a term of eighteen months. Informant advised that all of those elected, with but one exception, were considered by the majority of the Whirlpool employees as being left-wingers.

The United Electrical Workers was ousted from the CIO because of their extent of Communist infiltration.

Chief of Police DON HARDY, South Haven, Michigan, Police Department, advised that the Subject, along with three other individuals, had been arrested for violation of the City Ordinance prohibiting the passing out of handbills.

The "Michigan Edition - The Worker" issue of March 30, 1952, on page 8, column 1, carried an article concerning the Subject's arrest stating that four members of the 4th District Committee for Peace were convicted in Justice Court, South Haven, Michigan, on February 15, 1952.

The "News Palladium," local daily newspaper of Benton Harbor, Michigan, in issue of July 25, 1952, page 1, columns 4 and 5, carried an article stating the conviction of the above-mentioned four individuals had been reversed when the South Haven Ordinance was declared unconstitutional by the Van Buren County Circuit Court on March 24, 1952.

T-10 advised the 4th District Committee for Peace is a section of the Michigan Council for Peace.

T-11 advised the Michigan Council for Peace is a CP front organized and directed by District 7 CP members.

T-8 advised on April 22, 1954, that he had no knowledge of any current activities on the part of the Subject.

IV. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Birth Data	March 12, 1912, Wilmette, Illinois
Race	White
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Sallow
Peculiarities	Has very poor eye sight
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Wife, EDITH DOROTHY ROBERTA; Mother, CHARLOTTE L. MOUNSEY; Father, ALBERT BRAGG MOUNSEY.
Occupation	Assembly line worker
Social Security Number	365-22-8239
Employment	Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan Uptown Machine Company, St. Joseph, Michigan; Watkins Company, St. Joseph; and Stromberg Allen Company, Chicago
Former Employments	Box 136-1, Route #2, Eau Claire, Michigan.
Residence	603 Pine Street, St. Joseph, Michigan;
Former Residences	901 Walcott Street, 822 Lewis Avenue, 806 Main Street, 708½ State Street all St. Joseph, Michigan

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T-1 is [redacted]	Information regarding Subject's marriage furnished to SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN, 10/8/51.			
T-2 is	Mr. MAX BAILEY, landlord of the Subject, who furnished information to SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN, 4/26/54.			
T-3 is Anonymous				
T-4 is	[redacted]		who furnished information to SA JOHN C. DOIG 12/14/50.	
T-5 is Anonymous				
T-6 is [redacted]	Characterization of LEO WEST			
T-7 is Anonymous				
T-8 is [redacted]	7/2/50	7/17/50	SA JOHN C. DOIG	100-15902-221
	Information regarding Subject's activities	9/28/50	"	100-15902-231
	7/4/52	7/15/52	"	100-15902-337
	Recurrent activities	4/22/54	"	instant report
T-9 is	[redacted]		Whirlpool Corporation, interviewed October, 1951.	

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T-10 is G/2, Chicago	Characterization of 4th District Committee for Peace			
T-11 is [redacted]	Characterization of MCP.			

Subject is employed at the Whirlpool Corporation, St. Joseph, Michigan, which has been designated as a PROCLI plant with the United States Army being the interested agency. Copies of this report have been distributed locally to the United States Army.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN, Detroit, December 27, 1951.

[REDACTED]
JCD:jmr
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ccs:

100-17951 Western Michigan Region - CP
100-12672 Benton Harbor Communist Club
[REDACTED]

100-25037 Sol Kalom
100-25038 Dorothy Kalom
100-19542 Robert E. Jones
100-16404 South Haven Communist Club
100-18572 Dr. Margaret T. Bradley (Mrs. Bob Jones)
100-14338 Clifford Wines
100-17806 W. T. Walker
100-18074 Ira (Mrs. W. T.) Walker
100-17754 Isaac McBride
100-new Unsubs, Caretakers UE Hall, Benton Harbor
100-16667 Robert Mounsey
100-13706 Ruth Williams
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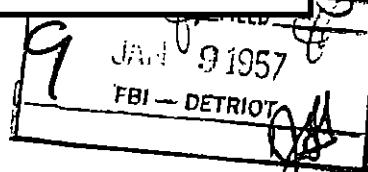
TO: SAC, DETROIT
FROM: SA JOHN C. DOIG
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: January 4, 1957

On November 19, 1956, [REDACTED] whose identity should be protected, was interviewed by SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN and SA JOHN C. DOIG at which time [REDACTED] furnished information as to CP activities in the vicinity of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The information furnished was incorporated into a written statement by SA HANSEN. On December 3, 1956, [REDACTED] signed such statement in the presence of SA JOHN C. DOIG and SA THOMAS L. BRANNICK.

The original of such signed statement has been filed in [REDACTED]

It is noted that [REDACTED] appeared voluntarily at the Grand Rapids Resident Agency to furnish information as to CP activities. [REDACTED] purpose, as stated [REDACTED] was to remove suspicion that [REDACTED] may be a Communist sympathizer. [REDACTED]



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[redacted] when certain financial arrangements are completed. Interviews with [redacted] disclosed that [redacted] not in position to obtain information as to current CP activities.

[redacted] does not desire to appear and give testimony and except in some matter of outstanding importance it is not possible to recontact [redacted] for additional information.

[redacted] voluntarily appeared for a long series of interviews with the understanding that upon completion [redacted] would not be recontacted, except in some real emergency. The interviews disclosed that [redacted] has no possibilities as a continuing PSI.

Copies of this memo have been routed to the files of all individuals and organizations involved.

The following is a copy of the signed statement:

"Grand Rapids, Michigan
December 3, 1956

"I, [redacted] was interviewed on November 19, 1956, at the FBI Resident Agency Office, Grand Rapids, Michigan, by WILLIAM S. HANSEN and JOHN C. DOIG who are known to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During this interview, I furnished information which is set forth below. To the best of my knowledge, the information was true and correct. The information I furnished was given voluntarily.

"Approximately six years ago, [redacted]

[redacted] I was introduced to SOL and DOROTHY KALOM who live in the country near South Haven, Michigan. [redacted]

[redacted] Although I have no proof that Mr. and Mrs. KALOM were ever members of the Communist Party, I assume they probably were [redacted]

[redacted] I recall seeing Mr. and Mrs. KALOM [redacted] at which time they were present at discussions held in [redacted] [redacted] South Haven, Michigan. I have no knowledge concerning the details of these discussions.

[redacted] approximately eight years ago, I first met ROBERT JONES and his wife who then resided near South Haven, Michigan. [redacted]

however, I have no knowledge as to what was discussed [redacted] I do know that [redacted] eventually turned over the area of southwestern Michigan to ROBERT JONES in connection with organizational activities of the Communist Party. I do not recall when this transfer of duties took place.

"Approximately eight years ago, I attended a Progressive Party picnic held on the residence property of CLIFF WINES, Covert, Michigan. I do not recall the names and identities of any other persons who were in attendance, other than WINES [redacted]

[redacted] I have never had any first-hand knowledge that CLIFF WINES was a Communist; however, I assumed he was

"a member of the Communist Party [redacted]
[redacted] I have had no contact
with WINES [redacted]

"Approximately during the year of 1950
I was in Benton Harbor, Michigan [redacted]

visited W. T. WALKER and his wife, name not
recalled. I recall [redacted]

[redacted] would lead discussions rela-
tive to current events, Communist Party matters
and other subjects not recalled. In addition,
[redacted]

[redacted] I have no first-hand knowledge that Mr.
and Mrs. WALKER and ISAAC McBRIDE were ever
members of the Communist Party; however, I
assume they were [redacted]

I [redacted]
would later visit a negro couple in Benton
Harbor, Michigan. I do not recall the names
or address of these people; however, I do recall
that they were both employed as caretakers of
the UE hall. I do not recall the details of
any discussions had with this couple [redacted]

[redacted]
I also used to visit ROBERT MUNSEY who then lived in St. Joseph, Michigan, near the amusement park.

[redacted] I do not recall the details of any discussions [redacted]
[redacted] I have no first-hand knowledge that MUNSEY was a member of the Communist Party; however, I assumed such membership [redacted]

"I first met MUNSEY in Grand Rapids, Michigan, about eight or nine years ago. At this time, he was attending a party held in the home of RUTH WILLIAMS. This party followed a regional meeting of the Communist Party held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"With respect to W. T. WALKER and ISAAC McBRIDE, mentioned above, I recall that I met these individuals for the first time in Grand Rapids, Michigan, about eight years ago. On this occasion, WALKER and McBRIDE were attending a Communist meeting. I recall that WALKER and McBRIDE attended several Communist meetings in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"On this date, December 3, 1956 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, I have read and signed, in the presence of Special Agents John C. Doig and Thomas L. Brannick, this three page statement which incorporates all the information verbally furnished to Special Agents WILLIAM S. HANSEN and JOHN C. DOIG on November 19, 1956.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESS:

"/s/ THOMAS L. BRANNICK, Special Agent, FBI,
Detroit, 12/3/56..

"/s/ JOHN C. DOIG, Spec. Agent, FBI, Detroit
12/3/56."

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TO : SAC, Detroit FOIA b 7 - D DATE: 2/24/59

FROM : SA William S. Hansen (100-16667)

SUBJECT: ROBERT F. MCUNSEY
SM - C

Re memo of SA HOMER J. ST, JOHN, Detroit, 2/17/59, which requests a contact of Informants relative to any current subversive activity on the part of Subject.

MCUNSEY was an active member of the CP in the Benton Harbor area a few years ago and it is recalled that his identity is known to Informant [redacted]

It is requested that SA JOHN C. DOIG contact Informants [redacted] to determine what knowledge they have regarding current activity of Subject, if any.

Results of the contacts should be submitted directly to SA HANSEN at Benton Harbor.

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TO : SAC, Detroit / FOIA b 7i - D DATE: 3/17/59

FROM : SA William S. Hansen (100-16667)

SUBJECT: ROBERT F. MOUNSEY
SM-C (Communist Index)

Re memo of SA HOMER J. ST. JOHN, 2/17/59.

On 2/24/59, JOHN SOOS, Manager of Hourly Personnel, Whirlpool Corp., St. Joseph, Michigan, advised that MOUNSEY continues to be employed by the company and is currently working as a sub-assembler on the combination washer-dryer machine line. As such, he does not have access to any classified information. According to SOOS, the Subject currently resides at 366 John St., Benton Harbor, Michigan.

SOOS advised that MOUNSEY, currently a member of IAM-AFL, was recently elected to the position of steward in that union, and, is taking an active part in union activities.

According to SOOS, MOUNSEY is known to be agitating for the return of UE as the bargaining representative of the shop employees. SOOS said he considers MOUNSEY to be a "hard-core" believer in UE.

By memo dated 3/9/59, SA JOHN C. DOIG advised that a contact with [redacted] on 3/3/59 revealed that Informant has no current knowledge concerning MOUNSEY and has not heard Subject's name mentioned in CP circles during the past several years. SA DOIG further advised that [redacted], when contacted on 3/3/59, had no knowledge regarding the Subject.

In view of the information set forth above, it is recommended that Subject not be considered for interview in view of his union activities and that he be removed from Communist Index.

On 3/17/59, through the cooperation of JOHN SOOS, referred to above, SA HANSEN toured an appropriate part of the Whirlpool Corp. plant for the purpose of observing the Subject. It was noted that Subject sits at a table where he sub-assembles a component which is utilized in the combination washer-dryer machine. It is apparent that Subject is practically blind since his job is accomplished almost entirely by touch. Subject was observed as he left his table and went to nearby storage bins for additional components. His actions in this respect also indicated that he is practically blind.

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The following description of MOUNSEY was obtained during personal observation:

Race	White
Height	5' 9"
Weight	180-90
Hair	Light brown (graying)
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium heavy
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	Subject's eyes are moderately crossed and give the appearance of blindness. Subject is constant pipe-smoker.

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TO : SAC, Detroit (100-16667)

DATE: March 9, 1959

FROM : JOHN C. DOIG,

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SUBJECT: ROBERT F. MOUNSEY
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Attention SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN

Re memo SA WILLIAM S. HANSEN dated February 2nd, 1959.

On March 3, 1959 [redacted] advised that he had no new information regarding this Subject. The Informant stated that it is his understanding that there has been little, if any, organized CP activity in southwestern Michigan since BOB JONES, former CP organizer, left the area several years ago. The Informant stated that all information which he obtained in the past as to MOUNSEY was submitted in written reports and that he has heard no mention of MOUNSEY'S name in CP circles in several years.

On March 6, 1959 [redacted] advised that he had not been acquainted with MOUNSEY and has no information concerning him.

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Date(s) of activity

8/9/59

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Authenticated by Informant **8/26/59**

Brief description of activity or material

Picnic at South Haven, Mich.File where original is located if not attached
[redacted]

Remarks:

Informant was unable to identify this as a Communist Party function.

3cc-Chicago (RM)

- 1 - 100-1521 (MCPFB)
- 1 - 100- (Wm Heikkala)
- 1 - 100- (Ruth Heit)

1cc-Cincinnati (RM)

- 1 - 100- (John Gojack)

13cc-Detroit (RM)

- 1 - 100- (Alex Nielson)
- 1 - 100- (Edna Neilson)
- 1 - 100- MCPFB
- ① - 100- (R. F. Mounsey)
- 1 - 100- (Mrs. R. F. Mounsey)
- 1 - 100- (Leo Caldwell)
- 1 - 100- (Janet Caldwell)

1 - IP-100-7389 (Simon Boorda)

1 - 100-11791 (Anthony Horvath)

1 - 100-11836 (Audrey Lyon)

1 - 100-12010 (Ann Horvath)

1 - 100-8554 (MCPFB)

1 - 100-796 (Steve Tandaric)

1 - 100-12287 (Geo. Morris)

1 - 100-5379 (John Gojack), HSK/fjm
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2cc-New York (RM)

- 1 - 100- (George Morris)
- 1 - 100- (John Gojack)

DEL - 100- (Jack Anderson)

1 - 100- (Mildred Anderson)

1 - 100- (Peter Wittmann)

1 - 100- (Mrs. Peter Wittmann)

1 - 100- (Myron Goff)

1 - 100- (Mrs. Myron Goff)

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On 8/9/59, a picnic had been scheduled to be held at the residence of Edna and Axel Nielsen, living near South Haven, Michigan, for the various "progressives in Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan.

On this date, Simon Boorda, a leader of the Communist Party in Indiana [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that he was having company and that he would be unable to attend the picnic.

On 8/9/59, Audrey Lyon, a South Bend CP member [redacted] stating that her husband did not want to attend the picnic and that she would like to attend her self. [redacted]

[redacted]
arrived at the Nielsen residence [redacted]. The following people were in attendance at this picnic:

Anthony Horvath
Anna Horvath
Audrey Lyon
Axel Nielsen, South Haven, Mich.
Edna Nielsen, South Haven, Mich.
R. F. Mounsey, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Mrs. R. F. Mounsey, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Leo Caldwell, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Janet Caldwell, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Jack Anderson, Riverside, Mich.
Mildred Anderson, Riverside, Mich.
Peter Wittmann, St. Joseph, Mich.
Mrs. Peter Wittmann, St. Joseph, Mich.
Myron Goff, Lawton, Mich.
Mrs. Myron Goff, Lawton, Mich.

The first hour and 15 minutes of the picnic was spent in general conversation. At about 5:00 PM, Anna Horvath and Audrey Lyon started to roast weiners. Edna Nielsen brought out some weiners and passed them around. Anna Horvath brought out a cake which she had baked.

Edna Nielsen suggested that the cake be auctioned off and the proceeds be donated to the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The cake was auctioned off "Chinese auction" style and it brought \$21.84. Edna Nielsen announced that Anthony Horvath was a member of the MCPFB and gave Horvath the \$21.84. Horvath gave her a receipt for \$21.84 in the name of the MCPFB. Horvath stated that he would turn this money over to the MCPFB on 8/30/59 when he planned to be in Chicago, Ill. for a MCPFB picnic. Edna Nielsen suggested that Horvath attempt to obtain additional donations for the MCPFB. Axel Nielsen stated that he had his daughter, name not mentioned, would attend the 8/30/59 MCPFB picnic.

Axel Nielsen announced that the Fall Festival of the MCPFB would be held in Milda Hall, 3142 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill. on 10/31/59. Horvath sold raffle tickets for this Festival.

Wittmann asked Horvath about the MCPFB. Wittmann had a slip with him showing that he had been sending in money to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in New York City. Horvath recommended that Wittmann send his money instead to the MCPFB in Chicago pointing out that any deportation cases in the midwest were handled by the MCPFB.

Myron Goff, Lawton, Mich. indicated that he was interested in receiving MCPFB literature.

Anthony Horvath discussed the Steve Tandaric and William Heikkala cases. He also mentioned the Ruth Heit case.

Mounsey [redacted] stated that he did not know what was going to happen to the U. S. He stated that the U. S. would eventually have to go Socialist. There were too many unemployed in the U. S.; the cost of living was constantly rising and that persons out of a job were desperate.

[redacted] the George Morris meeting which had been held in South Bend a couple of months previously. Morris is labor editor of "The Worker."

[redacted] Morris had spent six months in the Soviet Union. According to Morris, by 1965, Russia was going to have a higher standard of living than the U. S. Myron Goff agreed [redacted] He stated that [redacted] he reads "The Worker" occasionally.

Someone at the picnic mentioned John Gojack, former UE organizer in Indiana. Jack Anderson stated that Gojack had been employed in New York City. However, he has now obtained a job with the UE as an organizer at Columbus, Ohio.

The picnic broke up at about 8.00 PM.

In addition to the above mentioned individuals at the picnic, there were also the following:

Unknown subject; white, male, 50, 6', light brown hair, graying, light complexion, blue eyes.

Unknown Subject; white, female, wife of above, other description not known.

Unknown subject; white, male, 60 5-5, 200, reddish hair, light complex.

Unknown subject; white, female, wife of above, other description not known.